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1. THERE FOLLOWS GAS PIPELINE DATA AND TAX INFORMATION

REQUESTED BY REFERENCE TELECON:

(A) ALBERTA:

1. THERE ARE 3746 MILES OF MAIN GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINE IN ALBERTA. PIPE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE VARIES FROM SIXTEEN TO FORTY-TWO INCHES IN DIAMETER. (ERCB LISTS A TOTAL OF 10,242 MILES OF GAS LINES IN ALBERTA BUT MUCH OF THIS FOOTAGE IS OF SMALL DIAMETER (THREE TO SIX INCHES) I.E., LINE WHICH WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATELY CHARACTERIZED AS FEEDER PIPELINE.)

2. IN ALBERTA GAS PIPELINE TAXES ARE BASED ON LINEAL FOOTAGE AND SIZE OF PIPE. ASSESSMENTS ARE MADE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED RATES WITH DEPRECIATION, FIXED AND IMMEDIATE, ALLOWED TO BASE YEAR 1963. RATES WHICH ARE SET BY MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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MINISTRY VARY FROM

DOLS 1.64 .CENTS PER FOOT FOR SIXTEEN INCH PIPE TO DOLS 6.56 FOR 42 INCH PIPE. (48 INCH PIPE RATE CURRENTLY SET AT DOLS 7.20). MUNICIPAL TAX RATES AVERAGED 88 MILLS IN 1976. STUDY WHICH WILL FORM BASIS FOR NEW (AND HIGHER) 1978 TAX RATES IS NOW IN PROGRESS. PUMPING STATIONS ARE ASSESSED LOCALLY IN

ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED CRITERIA (SIZE, SQUARE FOOTAGE, ETC.) ON BASIS OF 1963 REPLACEMENT VALUE.

(B) SASKATCHEWAN:

1. THERE ARE 1514 MILES OF MAIN GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINE IN SASKATCHEWAN. PIPE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE VARIES FROM 34 TO 42 INCHES IN DIAMETER.
2. PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS ON PIPELINE INVESTMENT IN SASKATCHEWAN ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RATES PRESCRIBED BY THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS. A STATUTORY ASSESSMENT PER MILE HAS BEEN SET FOR EACH PIPELINE SIZE. THESE ARE PRESENTLY AS FOLLOWS:

34 INCH	DOLS 13,800
36	DOLS 14,640
42	DOLS 17,520
48	DOLS 19,320

THE PER MILE ASSESSMENTS APPLY UNIVERSALLY TO ALL

PIPELINES IN THE PROVINCE. PER MILE RATE WAS LAST REVISED IN 1967. COMPRESSOR STATION INVESTMENTS ARE ASSESSED ON THE BASIS OF LAND AND BUILDING VALUES PLUS A BUSINESS ASSESSMENT OF 10 PERCENT OF THE SUM OF LAND

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AND BUILDING VALUES. MILL RATES APPLIED TO THE ASSESSED VALUES ARE DETERMINED BY THE INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITIES AND VARY DEPENDING ON THE REVENUE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THE INVESTMENT IS LOCATED. RATES REFLECT REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL TAX PURPOSES, SCHOOL, HOSPITAL, AND IN SOME INSTANCES, SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT BY-LAWS. AVERAGE 1976 MILL RATE IN SASKATCHEWAN WAS 87.5 MILLS AND THIS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO 95 MILLS IN 1977. SASKATCHEWAN PIPELINE TAXES ARE THE LOWEST IN CANADA.

3. ABOVE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY ALBERTA ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD, ALBERTA GAS TRUNKLINES

LTD., TRANSCANADA PIPELINE LTD., AND ALBERTA MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

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